



BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998

Berkeley , West Virginia [54003]

Berkeley is one of 55 counties in West Virginia. It is part of the [Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV \(MSA\)](#). Its 1998 population of 72,285 ranked 6th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Berkeley had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,002. This PCPI ranked 9th in the state and was 104 percent of the state average, \$20,226, and 78 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.7 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Berkeley was \$14,709 and ranked 5th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.5 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Berkeley had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,518,128*. This TPI ranked 7th in the state and accounted for 4.1 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Berkeley was \$817,003* and ranked 9th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 6.0 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 4.9 percent and the national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.8 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Berkeley. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 69.6 percent of TPI (compared with 72.0 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 14.9 percent (compared with 14.9 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.5 percent (compared with 13.2 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 5.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.3 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 6.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 8.2 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Berkeley increased from \$897,513* in 1997 to \$960,705* in 1998, an increase of 7.0 percent. The 1997-1998 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$496,295* to the 1998 estimate was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.3 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*